(c) whether the selection of the collaborator has veen finalised and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Electronics Corporation of India Limited, has been designated to initiate the manufacturing activity for mainframe computers with foreign technology. However, the investment decisions on this are let to be taken.

(c) The selection of the collaborator has not been finalised yet. The offers from two parties, namely M|s Control Data Corporation, USA and BULL France have been shortlisted against a global tender floated by the Department of Electronics.

Development of Ahmedabad Airport

286. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans schemes under Government's consideration for development of the Ahmedabad airport during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether in view of the congestion at the Bombay airport and growing international tourist traffic, Ahmedabad is proposed to be developed as an alternate international airport; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider investment by non-Resident Indians in the development of international airport at Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) It is proposed to undertake the following new works/schemes during the 7th Plan period for development of Ahmedabad airport:—

1. Airconditioning of the departure holding area.

2. Provision of a roof to cover the baggage area.

3. Construction of an approach road.

4. Construction of a new static tank near the fire station.

5. Augmentation of electric and water supply.

6. Construction of residential quarters.

7. Construction of M.T. garages of work shop section.

Besides, it is also proposed to asquire land for extension of the runway and approach lighting system.

It is proposed, in addition, to augment fire fighting facilities, night landing facilities and various radar equipment at the airport.

(b) The Government has ordered a survey of the Ahmedabad airport to assess its traffic potential and suitability for operation of limited international flights. The question of developing facilities for international operation will be considered on receipt of the survey report.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.